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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Kazuhito SAEKI	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/689,756	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 21, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
Docket No. 3140-015	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.